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FOR S/AR - AMBASSADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PLOS VE

SUBJECT: LOS: AGUILAR'S COMMENTS ON INTERSESSIONAL

1. IN A BRIEF PRIVATE CONVERSATION MARCH 10, ANDRES AGUILAR TOLD ME HE SUSPECTED YOU MAY BE UPSET WITH HIM BECAUSE OF THE POSITION HE TOOK ON AMERASINGHE DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL. AGUILAR WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE SINCERELY BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A MATTER OF DEEP PRINCIPLE INVOLVED HERE, AND THAT HE--AND THE GOV--BELIEVED THAT THE PRECEDENT OF DESIGNATING AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE SOMEONE WITH NO OFFICIAL STATUS IN HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SERIOUS MISTAKE. HE WOULD BE WILLING, AGUILAR SAID, TO SUPPORT ANY OTHER ASIAN OR ANYONE ELSE WE SUGGEST IF THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE MADE CLEAR.

2. AGUILAR TOLD ME THE FOREGOING MORE AS CATHARSIS THAN ANYTHING ELSE. SINCE I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE INTERSESSIONAL, I COULD ONLY LISTEN, AND I MADE NO COMMENTS. I DID WANT TO PASS THE ABOVE TO YOU, HOWEVER, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT AGUILAR IS A MOST CAPABLE PERSON, AND A SINCERE ONE. HE IS A "VALUABLE ELEMENT," AS THEY SAY IN SPANISH, AND I THINK HE STILL WANTS TO BE HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE WITH US. HE IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO GENEVA.

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